

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2022-0450]

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Security Zone; Parker Canyon, Pacific Palisades, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone for the navigable waters of Parker Canyon from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 34°02′12″N, 118°33′26″W; thence to 34°02′19″N, 118°34′33″W; to the shoreline back to the beginning point, off the eastern end of Topanga beach, CA, in support of a visit from persons under the protection of the United States Secret Service (USSS). The security zone is necessary to protect the protected person and their official party while on location at the event. All vessels and people are prohibited from entering into or remaining within the security zone unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) or the COTP's designated on-scene representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 6 p.m. through 10 p.m. on June 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, type USCG-2022-0450 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LCDR Maria Wiener, Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach; telephone (310) 521-3860 or e-mail D11-SMB-SectorLALB-WWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

DHS Department of Homeland Security

FR Federal Register

NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking

§ Section

U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable. The Coast Guard did not receive notification of this event involving persons under the protection of the USSS with sufficient time to issue a NPRM and solicit comments. It is impracticable to go through the full notice and comment rule making process because the Coast Guard must establish this security zone by June 9, 2022, and lacks sufficient time to provide a reasonable comment period and to consider those comments before issuing the rule.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This rule must be effective on June 9, 2022, to guard against potential acts of terrorism, sabotage, subversive acts, accidents, or other causes of a similar nature.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 and 70011, as delegated by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Delegation No.00170.1(II)(70), Revision

No. 01.2, from the Secretary of DHS to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and further redelegated by 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5 to the Captain of the Port. In addition, the Coast Guard has authority to establish water or waterfront safety zones, or other measures, for limited, controlled, or conditional access and activity when necessary for the protection of any vessel, structure, waters, or shore area, 46 U.S.C. 70011(b)(3). This rule safeguards the lives of persons protected by the Secret Service, and of the general public, by enhancing the safety and security of navigable waters of the United States during USSS protected presence. The Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach determined that potential hazards may arise due to the persons under the protection of the USSS and their official party will be attending an event off Pacific Palisades, CA, on June 9, 2022. The USSS requested that the Coast Guard establish a security zone on the waters surrounding the event location off the eastern end of Topanga beach, Pacific Palisades, CA. The purpose of the temporary security zone is to facilitate the security and safety of the persons under the protection of the USSS during the visit.

As a result, in consultation with the USSS, the Captain of the Port Los Angeles - Long Beach has determined that the security zone is necessary to provide security for the protected person and his official party.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a security zone from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. on June 9, 2022. The security zone will cover all navigable waters of Parker Canyon from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 34°02'12"N, 118°33'26"W; thence to 34°02'19"N, 118°34'33"W; to the shoreline back to the beginning point, off the eastern end of Topanga beach, CA. The duration of the zone is necessary to protect the persons under the protection of the USSS and the official party while on location at the event. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the security zone, or to remain within the security zone, without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This rule has not been designated a "significant regulatory action," under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, and duration of the security zone. The security zone impacts a small designated area in the surrounding waters of Topanga beach, Pacific Palisades, CA, for less than four hours. Moreover, the rule allows vessels to seek permission to enter the zone. The Coast Guard will issue Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 to provide members of the public with information about the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175,

Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023-01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a security zone lasting less than six hours that will prohibit entry within a small designated area. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section

to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.2.

2. Add § 165.T11-098 to read as follows:

§ 165.T11-098 Security Zone; Parker Canyon, Pacific Palisades, CA.

- (a) *Location*. The following area is a security zone: all navigable waters of Parker Canyon from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 34°02'12"N, 118°33'26"W; thence to 34°02'19"N, 118°34'33"W; to the shoreline back to the beginning point, off the eastern end of Topanga beach. These coordinates are based on the North American Datum of 1983, World Geodetic System, 1984.
- (b) *Definitions*. As used in this section, <u>designated representative</u> means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Los Angeles Long Beach (COTP) in the enforcement of the security zone.
- (c) *Regulations*. (1) Under the general security zone regulations in subpart D of this part, you may not enter or remain within the security zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.
 - (2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative by

VHF-FM Channel 16 or 310-521-3801. Those in the security zone must comply with all lawful

orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) Enforcement period. This section will be enforced on June 9, 2022, from 6 p.m.

through 10 p.m.

Dated: June 3, 2022.

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Acting Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach.

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